



PATENT  
Docket Number: 16356.722 (DC-01753)  
Customer No. 000027683

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  
Mire, Philip J.

SN.: 09/312,150

Filed: May 14, 1999

For: PUBLIC KEY INFRASTRUCTURE  
UTILIZING MASTER KEY  
ENCRYPTION (AS PREVIOUSLY  
AMENDED)

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Examiner: Moorthy, Aravind K.

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 24, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:



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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 12 and 23 are amended, claims 4, 5, 15, 16, 26 and 27 are cancelled and claims 1, 7-12, 18-23 and 29 remain in the application. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

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